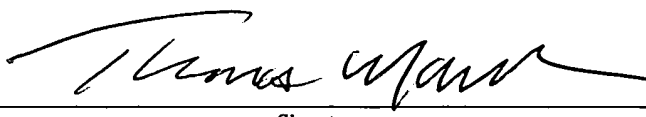
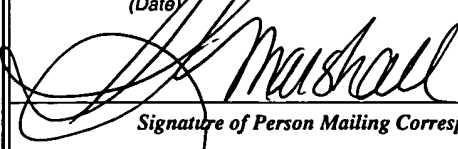


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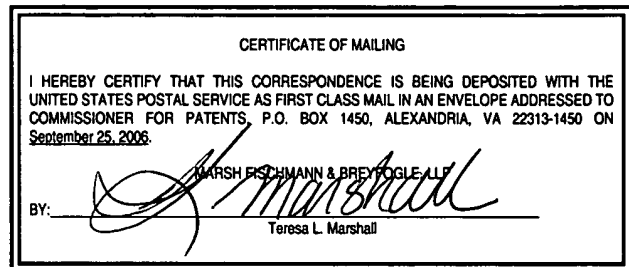
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**Amendments to the Specification**, other than the claims, begin on page 2 of this communication.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this communication.

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